## Introduced by Assembly Members Block, Butler, and Cook

February 22, 2012

An act to add Section 115.5 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to professions and vocations, and making an appropriation therefor.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1904, as introduced, Block. Professions and vocations: military spouses: temporary licenses.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various professions and vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law provides for the issuance of reciprocal licenses in certain fields where the applicant, among other requirements, has a license to practice within that field in another jurisdiction, as specified. Under existing law, licensing fees imposed by certain boards within the department are deposited in funds that are continuously appropriated.

This bill would authorize a board within the department to issue a temporary license to an applicant who, among other requirements, holds an equivalent license in another jurisdiction, as specified, and is married to, or in a legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in California under official active duty military orders. The bill would require a board to expedite the process for issuing these temporary licenses. The bill would require the applicant to pay any fees required by the board and would require that those fees be deposited in the fund used by the board to administer its licensing program. To the extent that the bill would

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increase the amount of money deposited into a continuously appropriated fund, the bill would make an appropriation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 115.5 is added to the Business and 2 Professions Code, to read:

- 115.5. (a) A board within the department may issue a temporary license to an applicant who meets all of the following requirements:
- (1) Submits an application in the manner prescribed by the board.
- (2) Supplies evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in this state under official active duty military orders.
- (3) Holds a current license in another state, district, or territory of the United States with the requirements that the board determines are substantially equivalent to those established under this code for that occupation.
- (4) Has not committed an act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of the license under this code at the time the act was committed.
- (5) Has not been disciplined by a licensing entity in another jurisdiction and is not the subject of an unresolved complaint, review procedure, or disciplinary proceeding conducted by a licensing entity in another jurisdiction.
- (6) Pays any fees required by the board. Those fees shall be deposited in the applicable fund or account used by the board to administer its licensing program.
- (7) Submits fingerprints and any applicable fingerprinting fee in the manner required of an applicant for a regular license.
- 29 (b) A board shall expedite the procedure for issuing a temporary 30 license pursuant to this section.
- 31 (c) A temporary license issued under this section shall be valid 32 for 180 days, except that the license may, at the discretion of the

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- board, be extended for an additional 180-day period on application
  of the license holder.
- 3 (d) A board may adopt regulations necessary to administer this
- 4 section.